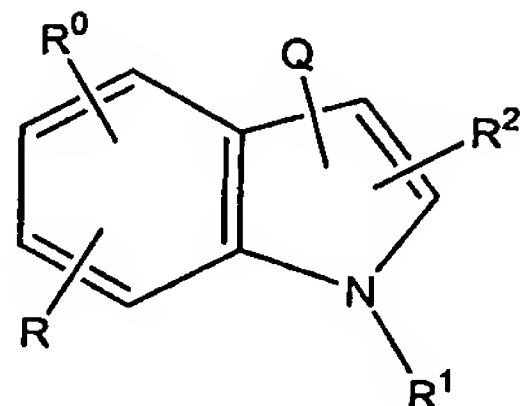


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I),



(I)

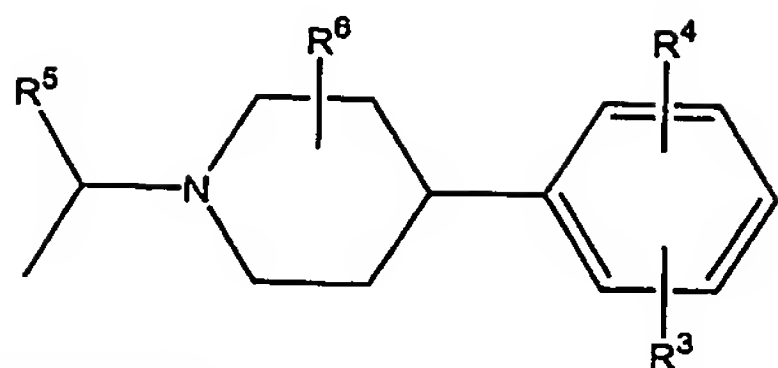
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, wherein:

R and **R⁰** are each independently hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, perhaloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl, cyano and, when R and R⁰ are on adjacent carbon atoms, methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy;

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl, C₃₋₆alkinyl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, heteroarylC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₃₋₇cycloalkyl)alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, CO-aryl, SO₂aryl, aryl, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, where each aryl or heteroaryl can be substituted one or more times by halogen, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or perhaloC₁₋₆alkyl;

R² is C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, heteroarylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl where each aryl or heteroaryl can be substituted one or more times by halogen, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or perhaloC₁₋₆alkyl;

Q is a moiety of formula:



wherein:

R^3 and R^4 are each independently hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, perhalo C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, C_{1-6} alkylamino, di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino, amino C_{1-6} alkyl, (C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyl, di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl;

R^5 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl, and

R^6 is hydrogen or hydroxymethyl.

2. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 1, wherein R and R^0 independently represent hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy.
3. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 2, wherein R and R^0 independently represent hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, methyl, methoxy.
4. A compound of formula (I) according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} alkenyl, C_{3-6} alkinyl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, (C_{3-7} cycloalkyl)alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, CO-aryl, SO_2 -aryl.
5. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 4, wherein R^1 is hydrogen, methyl, n-propyl, isopentyl, allyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, benzyl, fluorobenzyl, chlorobenzyl, bromobenzyl, methoxybenzyl, methylbenzyl, t-butylbenzyl, trifluoromethylbenzyl, diphenylmethyl, phenoxyethyl, 2-naphthylmethyl, benzoyl, benzenesulfonyl.
6. A compound of formula (I) according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein R^2 is aryl, heteroaryl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl.

7. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 6, wherein R^2 is phenyl, chlorophenyl, methoxyphenyl, fluorophenyl, 2-furyl, 2-thienyl, 2-pyridyl, benzyl, ethoxycarbonyl.
8. A compound of formula (I) according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein R^3 and R^4 independently represent hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, perhalo C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy.
9. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 8, wherein R^3 and R^4 independently represent hydrogen, chlorine, fluorine, bromine, methyl, methoxy, trifluoromethyl.
10. A compound of formula (I) according to claims 1-9, wherein R^5 and R^6 represent hydrogen.
11. A compound of formula (I) according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, selected from:
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
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2-Phenyl-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
2-Phenyl-3-(4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole
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2-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole

2-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-3-(4-phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole
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3-(4-Phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-2-thiophen-2-yl-1H-indole
2-Benzyl-3-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
2-Benzyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
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3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-5-fluoro-2-methyl-1H-indole;
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3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester
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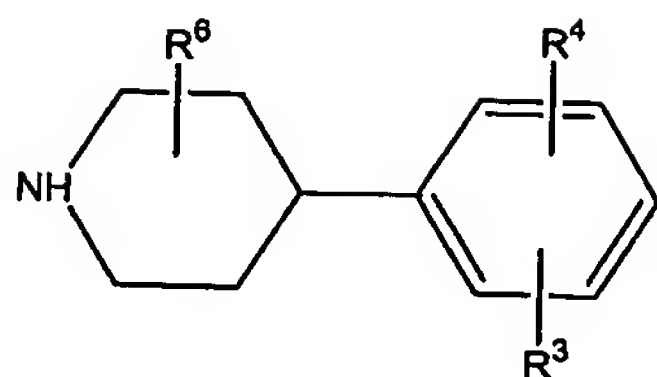
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- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(3-methyl-butyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-Cyclopropylmethyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(3-methoxy-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(2-methyl-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-Cyclohexylmethyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(4-methyl-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(4-fluoro-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-(3-Chloro-benzyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 1-(2-Chloro-benzyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-(4-Chloro-benzyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 1-Allyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1-prop-2-ynyl-1H-indole
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(2-methoxy-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(4-methoxy-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate

- 1-(4-Bromo-benzyl)-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
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- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(3-methyl-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(2-fluoro-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-(3-fluoro-benzyl)-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1-(2-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 3-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 1-Benzenesulfonyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 1-Benzoyl-3-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-2-phenyl-1H-indole trifluoroacetate
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-3-methyl-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-3-phenyl-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
- 2-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-3-methyl-1H-indole
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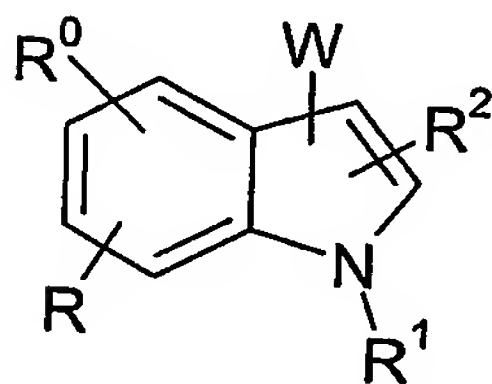
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2-(4-Phenyl-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1H-indole
2-[4-(2-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
2-[4-(3-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
2-[4-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
2-[4-(3-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
5,6-Dichloro-2-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
5,6-Dichloro-2-[4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
1-Benzyl-2-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole
2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-propyl-1H-indole
2-[4-(2,6-Dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1-methyl-1H-indole
2-(4-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1H-indole
1-Benzoyl-2-[4-(2,6-dichloro-phenyl)-piperidin-1-ylmethyl]-1H-indole.

12. An enantiomer of a compound of formula (I) as described in any one of claims 1-11.
13. A mixture of enantiomers of a compound of formula (I) as described in claims 1-11, where an enantiomer is present in greater proportion than its antipod.
14. A compound of formula (I) as defined in claims 1-13, for use as active therapeutic substance.
15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.
16. A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) as defined in claims 1-13, comprising the step of reacting a compound of formula (III)



(III)

wherein R^3 , R^4 , R^6 are as defined as in formula (I) of claim 1, with a compound of formula (VII),



(VII)

wherein R , R^0 , R^1 , R^2 , are as defined as in formula (I) of claim 1 and W is hydrogen or a group capable of binding to the piperidinic nitrogen of said compound of formula (III).

17. A process according to claim 16 wherein the reaction between (VII) and (III) is a Mannich reaction, taking place in an organic solvent environment, in presence of a suitable aldehydic reagent and acetic acid.

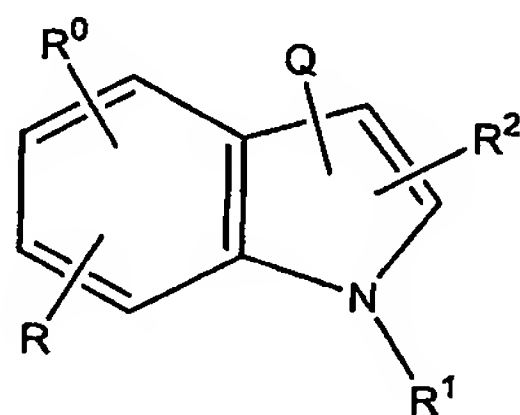
18. A process according to claim 16, wherein W is formyl, acyl or carboxyl, and the compound resulting from the reaction of (VII) with (III) is further treated with a reducing agent, thus obtaining said compound of formula (I), or the reaction of (VII) with (III) is performed under reductive amination conditions, leading directly to said compound of formula (I).

19. A process according to claim 16, wherein R^1 in formula (VII) is hydrogen, further comprising the step of treating said compound (VII) or a derivative thereof, with a reagent of formula R^1-X where R^1 is defined as in claim 1 and X is a

suitable leaving group.

20. A process according to claim 19, where said reaction with R^1 -X takes place in basic conditions, or under phase transfer conditions.

21. Use of a compound of formula (VI)



(VI)

wherein:

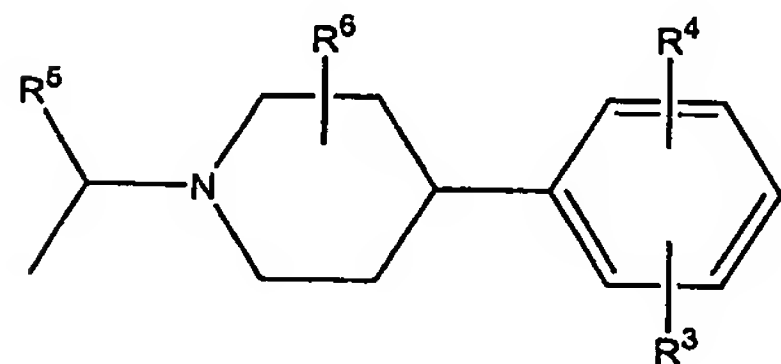
R and **R⁰** are each independently hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, perhaloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl, cyano and, when R and R⁰ are on adjacent carbon atoms, methylenedioxy and ethylenedioxy;

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl, C₃₋₆alkinyl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, heteroarylC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₃₋₇cycloalkyl)alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, CO-aryl, SO₂aryl, aryl, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonylC₁₋₆alkyl, where each aryl or heteroaryl can be substituted one or more times by halogen, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or perhaloC₁₋₆alkyl;

R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, heteroarylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl where each aryl or heteroaryl can be substituted one or more times by halogen, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl,

alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl or perhaloC₁₋₆alkyl;

Q is a moiety of formula:



wherein:

R³ and R⁴ are each independently hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, perhaloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆alkylamino, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, (C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl;

R⁵ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl, and

R⁶ is hydrogen or hydroxymethyl,

in the manufacture of a medicament for administration to a human or animal patient for modulating the activity of the ORL-1 receptors.

22. Use according to claim 21, wherein said drug is useful in the prophylaxis and treatment of illnesses dependent on modulation of the ORL-1 receptor.